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SUPERVISORS ON ROAD TOUR HERE FOR SESSION

COMPLETING LAST LAP OF ANNUAL TOUR OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS, COCHISE SUPERVISORS PAUSE FOR BRIEF SESSION; ORDER DECREASE IN ROAD FORCES; ASK OPINION ON COURT HOUSE ALTERATIONS; COUNTY TO REGISTER WARRANTS.

Completing the first three days' trip of their annual road inspection the members of the board of supervisors, including Chairman J. B. Hart, and members Dave A. Adams and I. C. E. Adams, and County Engineer Sid Smyth spent the night in Tombstone last night, the board holding a brief session in Tombstone today.

Following their three days' trip starting from Bisbee, through Douglas, Rodeo, Paradise, San Simon, Bowie, Wilcox, Dos Cabezas, Cochise, Benson and ending at Tombstone the board and county engineer covered some 400 miles of county highways and expressed themselves as highly pleased with present road conditions in Cochise county. Today as a result of their investigation the board took action advising County Engineer Sid Smyth to decrease all road forces to the lowest possible minimum that will not affect present needed work, pending the annual reorganization of Mr. Smyth's forces.

Speaking of their inspection trip today all members of the board and the county engineer especially praised the work of the Mascot Copper company in building from Wilcox to the mountain tops where their property is located. That the work was one of credit to its builders as well as one of the most scenic highways in the county, was the verdict of the officials.

While in session this morning motion was made by I. C. E. Adams, of Bisbee, and carried, requesting County Attorney J. F. Ross to furnish them with an opinion governing the present status of the court house improvement situation, regarding availability of funds to carry on such work, and the powers of the board in such an emergency. This will be forthcoming, it was thought, at the next regular meeting of the board on Monday, February 7th, when the board will decide on some plan of action to alleviate the present congestion. Just what the board's plan will be was not announced.

The board also discussed with County Treasurer Guy C. Welch the matter governing the necessity of registering county warrants, beginning soon, since the general and salary fund is about depleted. Mr. Welch advised the board. Mr. Welch is working out a plan whereby the matter can be handled by the various banks in the county without inconvenience either to the banks or the holders of the warrants, as well as to the advantage of the county. It is understood the overdraft will amount to the neighborhood of \$60,000 during the next three months before more tax money will be available. The situation is the result of increased cost of government during the past year, due to peak prices, as well as nearly \$60,000 cost of the deportation trials last year, which was not included in the budget.

Holbrook—Oil well here continues drilling at 2300 feet.
Florence—62,000 acres to be reclaimed by diversion dam.
Yuma—Forty acre date ranch sells for record price of \$75,000.

Waters From Colorado to Aid Arizona

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 21.—Concerted action by the seven interested states and the federal government in the development of the power and irrigation possibilities of the Colorado river and its tributaries is the expressed aim of the Colorado river commission permanently organized today at the meeting of the state engineers of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada and Wyoming and representatives of the United States Reclamation service.

Additional states which will have members of the commission are Colorado and New Mexico.

Leader Selected.
A tentative bill to be presented to the legislature of the states involved and to congress was adopted by the commission yesterday and will call for the permanent appointment of each state of a representative on the commission.

Frank E. Wymouth, chief engineer of the reclamation service, was selected as secretary of the organization and the members pledged themselves to supply him with all available data concerning projects present and prospective calling for the development of the waters of the Colorado and its tributaries. This information will be made the basis for concerted action to be determined upon at future meetings of the commission.

ARIZONA ASSESSORS FACE HARD PROBLEMS DURING YEAR 1921

PHOENIX, Jan. 21.—How to make Arizona's income and outgo balance without boosting taxes to a painful attitude is affording state officials and county assessors much concern, as was brought out at a meeting of the state tax commission and the county assessors here just after the new state administration took office.

The three great industries of Arizona, mining, agriculture and livestock raising from which Arizona has derived most of its tax revenue, have been suffering extreme depression. Other industries and businesses have also suffered in the general readjustment.

Assessors, having been warned against reducing assessments on any class of property and thereby placing heavier burdens on the rest, are nevertheless faced with what appears to them the fact that many industrial holdings actually are worth less than last year, and therefore, will make strong bids for reduction of assessments. If general reductions were granted, the tax rate would have to be raised correspondingly or the state expense reduced far below the 1920 figure.

State officials already have been pondering over the 1921 budget and trimming it down. They consider they have pruned it about as severely as possible, but the total is understood to be well over \$4,000,000; in fact, to be larger than the 1920 figures.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS OFFICE IN DOUGLAS

DOUGLAS, Jan. 21.—D. P. Boyle, the Douglas assistant to County Attorney John F. Ross, has established his office in the rooms in the First National bank building recently vacated by Mr. Ross, when he went to Tombstone the first of the year.

CLIMATE OF OLD TOMBSTONE AGAIN PROVE ITS WORTH

Another testimonial of Tombstone's healthgiving climate has gone forward to the East in a letter written by Dr. S. W. Nichols, who, with his daughter, is spending the winter here for the benefit of his health. No further comment other than what Dr. Nichols tells his Eastern friend is necessary.

Here we are in a place with a son-in-law name, but it has been anything but son-in-law to me. The name is due to a freak of the first settler who erected for himself a rude last resting place just a little way beyond the limits of the town.

First, the people here are simply royal. Though total strangers to us those we have met have treated us with every possible courtesy while our kind entertainers, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Stark, have been unwearied in their efforts for our happiness and welfare. The people of the Congregational church and the brothers of the Masonic lodge have been fine.

Of myself, I hardly dare speak. For eleven months I suffered great depression from a severe attack of influenza and was tormented with a severe cough, in addition, and was unable to shake it off.

You know my severe affliction early in December when I laid my wife away and that was followed with an attack of pleurisy which just about laid me out and when I arrived here two weeks ago I was unable to crawl about at a snail's pace and the cough was with me.

In six days the cough was no more and it seemed as if something was to happen, as I could hardly realize it, though I was still weak. But, two days ago, almost within an hour, my strength began to return, and next morning I set out and walked a mile at my usual pace which you know is not slow. It seems well nigh impossible, but so it is.

I am told that these wonderful properties of climate are peculiar to a strip about three miles wide and not many miles long. The place is not very lively as it has suffered from the shutting down of large mining properties which has greatly reduced the population and not much is going on though it is the county seat, which attracts some business.

Surely if the life giving properties of the locality were known a sanatorium would soon be filled. One man came here so far gone he could only talk in a whisper and in three months he was singing in a choir and is well.

I don't know just how long we shall stay here, but our recollections of the place will be most delightful.

DECLARES OREGON GREATLY OPPOSED TO FOREIGN CAPITAL

MIAMI, Ariz., Jan. 21.—According to Assistant Engineer J. O. Hyatt, of the Sombrerete Mining company, "in the state of Zacatecas, President Obregon is no friend of foreign capital."

Hyatt stated that stories to the effect that the new executive was heart and soul in favor of the development of the country by foreign, especially American capital, are wrong. He has made life miserable for the oil men in all parts of the republic, but apart from this, there is no trouble. Conditions from a governmental point of view are fairly stable.

Obregon is going to rule like Diaz.

MISS TOLES TELLS WHY SCHOOL POST SHOULD BE APPOINTIVE

PHOENIX, Jan. 21.—Miss Elsie Toles, elected state superintendent of public instruction, who recently caused a sensation when she recommended that the office be made appointive, yesterday presented her reasons in a talk before the high school Parent-Teacher association.

Miss Toles is behind the bill which is now pending in the house and which was introduced by Miss C. Louise Boehringer, of Yuma county, former school superintendent of the county she represents.

"It is amusing to hear the first comment generally made by those who are not acquainted with its provisions when they learn that House Bill No. 3 is designed to make the office of state superintendent appointive," said Miss Toles.

"They take it to mean an appointment made directly by a governor and in consequence increased rather than lessened danger of political influence in schools."

"The bill is designed to prevent that very thing. The appointment of the superintendent would be made by the board of education which, the bill provides, will no longer be composed of ex-officio members and political appointees, but will be selected much as the present board of regents of the university. It will take at least three terms for a governor to obtain control of this board by his appointments even should he be so inclined, which is unlikely."

"The board will be able to select its superintendent from any part of the country, and on a basis of ability rather than personal or political popularity. The superintendent will be able to carry out a consistent and constructive policy, secure in the realization that if he gets results he need not spend half his time mending his fences for the next election."

"We need to change our entire conception of that office. Why should it not be one of as much dignity and responsibility, demanding as high order of ability as that of the president of our state university. You would probably be shocked at the idea of the presidents of the university or of the normal being under the necessity of appealing to popular favor every two years for a continuance of their work because you realize that such a thing would absolutely prevent the constructive and consistent development of the institutions of which they are head."

Miss Toles then touched upon other educational bills pending:

"House bill No. 2 is designed to make the present state board more useful, with reference particularly to institutes, certification of teachers and reduction of waste in our present text book law. Institutes at present are conducted separately at much expense to the individual counties, and with inadequate returns. By placing the whole matter under the direction of the state board, speakers could be scheduled for the whole state and sent to the teachers which would mean greatly reduced expense, save much time for the schools and permit the people of the community to attend the meetings."

"The present certification laws stand in the way of higher standards of qualifications for teachers," she said.

The text book law is excellent in her opinion, but certain features of that law should be changed to eliminate waste.

Gas well comes in at 475 feet 20 miles northwest of Phoenix.

R. R. AGRICULTURAL AGENT PLEASED WITH SAN PEDRO PROSPECTS

ST. DAVID, Jan. 22.—Agricultural Agent Trumbull, of the E. P. & S. W. railway company, W. R. Elliott, consulting engineer, A. G. Smith and J. N. Curtis, members of the San Pedro Water Users' Association, together with L. Earl Matteson, secretary, made a trip through the San Pedro valley irrigation district to acquaint the E. P. & S. W. agent with the possibilities of this project.

Mr. Trumbull expressed his desire that the project be put through, and stated that he saw no reason why it should not prove a very successful enterprise. The valley has a future in apple growing, and English walnuts grafted to the native walnut, as well as the diversified crops of grains, alfalfa and livestock, according to the statement made by the E. P. & S. W. agent. Mr. Trumbull left for Tucson where he will attend the Farmers conference at the University of Arizona.

Consulting Engineer Elliott has Mr. Nieswander, an experienced irrigation engineer of the Salt River valley here on the San Pedro valley project. Mr. Nieswander is organizing a crew to survey the project where the land is to be irrigated.

Engineer Wright, who is surveying the reservoir will join in this survey when the dam site is finished.

AMERICAN YOUTH SAYS HE HELPED MEXICANS MURDER

DOUGLAS, Jan. 21.—A story of intimidation, amounting to virtual kidnapping, was unfolded here today, according to officers, by Arthur Hughes an American youth, who, according to the statement, witnessed the brutal murder of Viviano Cordova, Mexican cowboy, about 19 days ago on the ranch of B. A. Packard near here in Mexico. Hughes made a statement to county officers here. According to this statement, the armed Mexican slayer of Cordova, forced Hughes to remain with the murderer until Cordova's body was disposed of, and then to accompany the slayer to the United States.

Believing that Hughes told a true story and has given evidence which will prove valuable when the murderer is apprehended, officers gave the young American his freedom. The latter, with his father, said to be an employee on the Greene Cananea cattle ranch in Mexico, voluntarily came to Douglas from Lordsburg, N. M., where he had been arrested and two horses and a mule from the Packard ranch were recovered. Meanwhile the Mexican alleged murderer, learning that officers were trailing him, is believed to have fled into Chihuahua, Mexico.

TAKEN TO EL CENTRO

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 21.—Jess Woodall, arrested here, was taken to El Centro, Calif., today to answer a charge of embezzlement in connection with the alleged taking of \$1,191 the gate receipts of a wild west show. He waived extradition.

Hyatt declared. He has fired the Mexican soldiery and now has an army of Yaqui Indians, of whom the Mexicans stand in fear. Obregon has Yaqui blood in him, has lived with them and is going to run the country with their aid.

Asks Increase In Telephone Rates in State

PHOENIX, Jan. 21.—The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. has filed an application with the Arizona corporation commission for an increase in its toll rate of 14.57 per cent. The company holds that such an increase would produce \$35,000 a year additional revenue within the state. This amount, however, the company claims, will not meet its indebtedness. It asks in the application, that the rate on long-distance service become effective February 21.

The rate asked now is charged in Wyoming, Montana, Texas and New Mexico, says the company. Immediate relief is asked on claim that the company has been put to unusual expense for extensions and new construction work.

ENGINEERS WILL SPAN GRAND CANYON WITH UNIQUE BRIDGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Government engineers have worked out means by which materials for a 500-foot suspension bridge can be packed by mules down narrow trails and the structure erected to span the Colorado river and the Grand Canyon, National Park, Arizona, making the north rim accessible to tourists.

The north rim, about 1500 feet higher than the south rim, gives "new and alluring" views of the canyon, an announcement from the national park service said, but difficulties of getting horses or mules across the river have made it almost inviolated.

The bridge will be hung across granite gorges, about 420 feet wide, and with virtually perpendicular sides. It will swing 10 feet above the general water level and the bridge materials must be transported 10 miles, some of the way down switch-back trails, with a 40 per cent grade. As the main cables weigh 760 to 800 pounds, the means of transportation presented a difficult problem.

It is planned, however, to meet the situation by placing each cable in four coils to be swung two to a mule, and with a 30-foot section between the mules to permit turning around the switch-backs. The stirrup rods of the bridge must be folded for packing and even flooring section must be cut to not more than nine feet, to get them around the corners.

15 BARRELS OF CONFISCATED WINE TURNS TO VINEGAR

BISBEE, Jan. 22.—William Jennings Bryan would have chortled with glee could he have been present yesterday afternoon when about 15 barrels of wine, that have long been stored in the old county jail on O. K. street, were investigated and were found to have turned into very sour vinegar.

The wine had been taken in various raids under the old county administration, and placed under lock and key in the jail for want of a better way to dispose of it.

It was found that the bungs had been knocked out of all the barrels so that the air was admitted and the wine quickly changed to vinegar.

SEVERAL BILLS REPORTED BY LEGISLATURE

BILL FOR RELIEF OF WIDOW OF MURDERED TEMPE MAN RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE BY LOWER HOUSE; ARIZONA HEROES PAID TRIBUTE BY JOINT SESSION MEMORIAL; OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED AND CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES.

PHOENIX, Jan. 21.—The lower house of the Arizona legislature, in committee of the whole, today recommended for passage the bill for the relief of Mrs. Nellie Spangler, of Tempe, whose husband, C. M. Spangler, the town marshal, was killed by Mexicans bandits recently. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$5000 and for a trusteeship for it.

The house acted just after it had participated, with the senate, in a session of prayer and eulogy for four Arizona soldiers, whose bodies were brought from France and arrived in Phoenix today. Two were to receive interment here. The others were to go to other destinations in the state.

The house judiciary committee reported unfavorably on the bill making it a misdemeanor to steal rides on trains. The committee of the whole also acted on this bill and reported it for indefinite postponement. A bill taxing attorneys' fees and costs against the loser in an action in a justice court involving less than \$20 was favorably reported both by the judiciary committee and by the house committee of the whole.

Unfavorable report was given a bill forbidding use of public school houses for seminary purposes. The Phillips bill, providing an amendment of the law regarding descent and distribution of property of deceased persons, was favorably reported but action was postponed pending receipt of the printed bill.

Among house bills introduced today the following were regarded as a few of the more important:

House bill 42, by Gales, amending state corporation commission law by providing that in case of appeals from the orders and requirements of the commission, the appellant shall not be punished for disregarding the orders pending final disposition of the appeal.

House bill 43, by Jones, appropriating \$17,000 for expenses of the state agriculture and horticulture commission from January 21 to July 1.

House bill 44, by Haynes, amending the law on exemptions from taxation by providing that in addition to the widow's exemption of \$2000 there shall be \$500 for each child under 18, the total exemption not to exceed \$5000.

House bill 46, by Frazier, providing for state burial of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines the burial not to take place in a paupers' field and to cost not less than \$100.

House bill 47, by Pishon, classifying and taxing hawkers and peddlers.

In the senate, an unfavorable report was returned on the Curtin bill appropriating \$150,000 for a bridge over the Colorado river at Pierce's Ferry. Brief debate developed some opposition to the bill, but the reason was not made plain.

The committee of the whole favorably recommended the Limes bill amending the law with respect to articles of incorporation so that certain organizations could amend their articles of incorporation without first dissolving.